(a) to (c) The information is not readily available and has been called for from Vishwa Bharati and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Shipping Industry

1938. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Industry is unlikely to achieve the Seventh Five Year Plan target of 7.5 million tonnes of cargo; and

(b) whether a number of smaller Indian Shipping Companies have been forced to close down their operation for want of cargo?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) It is not possible to say at this stage as to what would be the operative tonnage at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period against the target of 7.5 million GRT

(b) Due to world wide recession in the Shipping Industry, owing to excessive tonnage chasing limited cargo, resulting in competition becoming fierce & frieght levels falling to uneconomic levels, some smaller Indian shipping companies have gone into liquidation.

Death of Patients due to Doctor's strike

1939. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of patients have died due to strike by the doctors of the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS); and

(b) whether Government had taken any steps to save the lives of the patients during the doctors strike; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Orders were issued allowing C.G.H.S. beneficiaries to take treatment from any private Hospital/Clinic/doctor during the strike of CGHS doctor claim re-imbursement.

बस स्टापों पर यात्रियों को उपलब्ध सुविधाएं

1940. **कुमारी सईदा खातून:** क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में **बस** स्टापों पर यात्रियों को कौन-कौन सी सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं ;

(ख) देश में ऐसे कितने **बस** स्टाप हैं जहां यात्रियों के लिए विश्रामगृह की सुविधा उपलब्ध है ; और

(ग) क्या एक नगर के बस स्टाप से दूसरे नगर के बस स्टाप के बीच जानकारी उपलब्ध कराने के लिए टेलीफोन की सुविधा की व्यवस्था की गई है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) से (ग) बस अड्डों पर पीने का पानी, शौचालयों, आराम करने की सुविधाएं, विश्रामघरों, अल्पाहार के लिए स्टालों आदि की मूलभूत सुविधाएं राज्य सरकार/स्थानीय निकायों द्वारा अपने संसाधनों से प्रदान की जाती हैं। बस स्टापों पर प्रदान की जाने वाली सुविधाओं का केन्द्र सरकार रिकार्ड नहीं रखती।